

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image information processing device, comprising:
 - display means;
 - image information storage means;
 - display area providing means for providing a first display area and a second display area on the display means;
 - display control means for causing first information and second information of a plurality of sets of image information stored in an image information storage region in the image information storage means to be displayed in the first and second display areas respectively; and
 - interlinked display control means for, when a display order of either the first information or the second information is changed on a display screen of the display means, setting a display order of the other information so that the first and second information of the plurality of sets of image information is displayed in an identical display order in the first and second display areas respectively.
2. An image information processing device, comprising:
 - display means;
 - image information storage means;

display control means for causing the display means to display sets of detailed information and identifier images of a plurality of sets of image information stored in an image information storage region in the image information storage means, by which identifier images at least parts of the plurality of sets of image information are identified; and

interlinked display control means for, when a display order of either the detailed information or the identifier images is changed on a display screen of the display means, setting a display order of the other so that the detailed information and identifier images of the plurality of sets of image information are displayed in an identical display order in rows showing the detailed information and the identifier information respectively.

3. The image information processing device as defined in claim 2,

wherein:

a management table, in which a common display order between the detailed information and the identifier images is set, is included for each set of image information stored in the image information storage region; and

the interlinked display control means rewrites the display order in the management table in line with the preceding change in one of the display orders and changes the other display order effected by the display means in line with the rewritten display order.

4. The image information processing device as defined in claim 2,

wherein the detailed information includes a plurality of items about this information,

said device further comprising item-specific rearrange means for rearranging the display order of the sets of detailed information on the display screen of the display means according to information shown by the plurality of items.

5. The image information processing device as defined in claim 2, further comprising input means,

wherein:

the display control means includes extract display control means for extracting at least one of the identifier images according to an input from the input means and causing the display means to display the extracted identifier image.

6. The image information processing device as defined in claim 5,

wherein:

the extract display control means includes direct select means for enabling the detailed information displayed by the display control means to be selected by means of the input means, so as to select an identifier image to be extracted.

7. The image information processing device as defined in claim 5,

wherein:

the extract display control means includes search means for extracting at least one of the identifier images according to search conditions entered through the input means.

8. The image information processing device as defined in claim 2, further comprising input means,

wherein:

the display control means includes extract display control means for extracting detailed information according to an input from the input means, setting detailed information not extracted in this extract operation to a non-selectable state, and causing the

display means to effect a non-selectable display representing this state.

9. The image information processing device as defined in claim 8,

wherein:

the extract display control means causes the detailed information extracted in the extract operation to be displayed in or near a first position in the row showing the detailed information and the detailed information not extracted to be displayed in or near a last position in the row showing the detailed information.

10. The image information processing device as defined in claim 8,

wherein:

the extract display control means includes direct select means for enabling the detailed information displayed by the display control means to be selected by means of the input means, so as to select detailed information to be extracted.

11. The image information processing device as defined in claim 8,

wherein:

the extract display control means includes search means for extracting detailed information according to search conditions entered through the input means.

12. The image information processing device as defined in claim 2,

wherein:

the image information storage means has a plurality of image information storage regions; and

the display control means includes combined display control means for causing the display means to display in combination the sets of detailed information and identifier images of the plurality of sets of image information stored in the plurality of image information storage regions.

13. The image information processing device as defined in claim 12,

wherein:

the combined display control means causes the identifier images of the image information stored in different image information storage regions to be displayed in different colors.

14. The image information processing device as defined in claim 12,

wherein:

the detailed information to be displayed includes identifier information by which the image information storage region where the image information is originally stored can be identified.

15. The image information processing device as defined in claim 2, further comprising display area providing means, provided in the display means, for providing display areas for the detailed information and the identifier images,

wherein:

the display control means causes the detailed information to be displayed in a detailed information display area and the identifier images to be displayed in an identifier image display area.

16. The image information processing device as defined in claim 2,

wherein:

the identifier image is a scaled-down image of the image information.

17. An image information processing method, comprising:
the detailed information and identifier image display step of causing display means to display sets of detailed information and identifier images of a plurality of sets of image information stored in an image information storage region, by which identifier images at least parts of the plurality of sets of image information are identified; and

the interlinked display steps of, when a display order of either the detailed information or the identifier images is changed on a display screen of the display means, setting a display order of the other so that the detailed information and identifier images of the plurality of sets of image information are displayed in an identical display order in rows showing the detailed information and the identifier information respectively.

18. The image information processing method as defined in claim 17,

wherein:

a management table, in which a common display order between the detailed information and the identifier images is set, is provided for each set of image information stored in the image information storage

region; and

in the interlinked display step, the display order in the management table is rewritten in line with the preceding change in one of the display orders, and the other display order effected by the display means is changed in line with the rewritten display order.

19. The image information processing method as defined in claim 17,

wherein the detailed information includes a plurality of items about this information,

said method further comprising the item-specific rearrange step of rearranging the display order of the sets of detailed information on the display screen of the display means according to information shown by the plurality of items.

20. The image information processing method as defined in claim 17,

wherein:

the detailed information and identifier image display step includes the extract display step of extracting at least one of the identifier images and causing the display means to display the extracted identifier image.

21. The image information processing method as defined in claim 20,

wherein:

the extract display step includes the direct select step of enabling the detailed information displayed by the detailed information and identifier image display step to be directly selected, so as to select an identifier image to be extracted.

22. The image information processing method as defined in claim 20,

wherein:

the extract display step includes the search step of extracting at least one of the identifier images according to search conditions entered.

23. The image information processing method as defined in claim 17,

wherein:

the detailed information and identifier image display step includes the extract display step of extracting the detailed information, setting detailed information not extracted in this extract operation to a non-selectable state, and causing the display means to effect a non-selectable display representing this state.

24. The image information processing method as defined in claim 23,

wherein:

the extract display step causes the detailed information extracted in the extract operation to be displayed in or near a first position in the row showing the detailed information and the detailed information not extracted to be displayed in or near a last position in the row showing the detailed information.

25. The image information processing method as defined in claim 23,

wherein:

the extract display step includes the direct select step of enabling the detailed information displayed by the detailed information and identifier image display step to be selected directly, so as to select detailed information to be extracted.

26. The image information processing method as defined in claim 23,

wherein:

the extract display step includes the search step of extracting the detailed information according to search conditions entered.

27. The image information processing method as defined in claim 17,

wherein:

the detailed information and identifier image display step includes the combined display step of causing the display means to display in combination the sets of detailed information and identifier images of the plurality of sets of image information stored in a plurality of image information storage regions.

28. The image information processing method as defined in claim 17,

wherein:

the display means further includes the step of providing display areas for the detailed information and the identifier images; and

the detailed information and identifier image display step causes the detailed information to be displayed in a detailed information display area and the identifier images to be displayed in an identifier image display area.

29. The image information processing method as defined in claim 17,

wherein:

the identifier image is a scaled-down image of the image information.

30. A program causing a computer to execute:

the detailed information and identifier image display process of causing display means to display sets of detailed information and identifier images of a plurality of sets of image information stored in an image information storage region, by which identifier images at least parts of the plurality of sets of image information are identified; and

the interlinked display process of, when a display order of either the detailed information or the identifier images is changed on a display screen of the display means, setting a display order of the other so that the detailed information and identifier images of the plurality of sets of image information are displayed in an identical display order in rows showing the detailed information and the identifier information respectively.

31. A recording medium readable by a computer, for storing the program as defined in claim 30.